[Translation]

Electrification in Ratlam Division

5001. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electrification of broad gauge and metre gauge lines and lines brought under diesel hauling in the Ratlam Division of the Western Railway during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 and the demand and supply position of the coaches of each class therein;

(b) the kilometerage of the present broad gauge and metre gauge rail lines in Ratlam Railway Division and the estimated time period likely to be taken in the gauge conversion in each metre gauge section, section-wise;

(c) the proposals regarding the rail passenger service expansion on metre gauge during the said period; and

(d) the train-wise details of the metre gauge rail passenger service expansion undertaken during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No electrification works were taken in hand during 1995-96 and no new work has also been approved during 1996-97 in Ratlam Division as well as in Western Railway. No metre gauge lines are electrified.

During 1995-96 and 1996-97, the following sections have been fully dieselised:

1. Ajmer-Nimach (Ratlam Division)
2. Nimach-Ratlam (-do-)
3. Botad-Surendranagar
4. Bhavnagar-Paltana
5. Dhoda Jn.-Mutiva
6. Jatalsar-Warjalia

The following sections have been partially dieselised:

1. Veraval-Khijadia
2. Rajkot-Jatalsar

The requirement of coaches for any year is planned on all India basis taking into account the manufacturing capacity of production units. There after allotments are made to individual railways.

194 new coaches (BG) were supplied to Western Railway during 1995-96.

(b) Section-wise kilometreage data not readily available. In Ratlam Division the MG routes are from Ajmer to Khandwa. Of these gauge conversion is in progress between Nimach and Ratlam and is expected to be completed in IXth Plan. The remaining sections are included in the first phase of the Action Plan under project 'Unigauge' and are slated to be taken up during the IXth plan period. Date of Completion would be fixed once the works are taken up.

(c) and (d) The details of Passenger Services provided on Metregauge on Ratlam Division during the last five years are as under:

YEAR	
1992-93	Nil
1993-94	Nil
1994-95	129/130 shuttle extended upto Bijaynagar w.e.f. 1.7.95
1995-96	69/70 Mhow-Indore Passenger introduced w.e.f. 5.2.96
1996-97	Nil

[English]

Rail Service from Krishnagar to Barddhaman

5002. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand to run passenger service from Krishnagar to Barddhaman;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to heavy detention of the goods trains at Naihati, passengers services are not running smoothly;

(d) whether there is a proposal to construct a curve bypassing Naihati Railway Station through Jubili bridge to facilitate railway traffic on the said route; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Some demands have been received for running a passenger train from Krishnagar to Bardhaman.

(c) Normally passenger trains are not detained for goods trains. However, sometimes due to accidents/ equipement failure or other unavoidable reasons there is a disturbance in the smooth running of trains.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal at present.

National Cooperative Union of India

5003. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives behind setting up of National Cooperative Union of India;

(b) the date on which it has came into force; and